

Presents for Children Pretty Little Easter Boxes filled with Candy Easter Eggs.

## EASTER FOOTWEAR Thursday Underpriced.



Many of the latest and most popular styles—in full assortments of sizes. Reduced at the very height of the Pre-Easter Buying Season—FOR TOMORROW ONLY—simply because we want this to go down into our business-history as our BUSIEST THURSDAY.

### Boys' and Girls' Easter Footwear Reduced.

**Infants' Cute Little Slippers.**  
Thee or Ankle Ties, in black, red or brown kid, white duck or patent. T. H. U. S. 48c

**Good \$1.25 Grades**  
Child's White Duck or Brown Kid Button Boots; sizes to 8. Misses' Patent Leather Low Shoes, with light or heavier soles, plain or tipped toes. Little Boys' Stout Kid or Calf Laced Shoes. 95c

**Excellent Wearing Boys' Shoes.**  
Tan Russia calf, black sterling or box calf; sizes 1 to 5, with extra good soles. \$1.48

**Girls' Stylish Pumps.**  
Tan Calf or Patent Calf Pretty Pumps, with ribbon bow and buckle; also Patent Calf Low Button Shoes; excellent \$2.50 value; sizes to 2 THURSDAY \$1.69

**Child's Tan Vici Kid**  
Soft Hand-turned Button Boots; sizes to 6. THURSDAY 75c

**Good \$1.50 Values**  
Misses' White Duck Button Boots or Brown Kid Low Shoes; sizes to 2. Little Boys' Brown Kid or Tan Calf Oxford and Blucher High Shoes; to 13½. Boys' Sterling calf Shoes; sizes to 5½. \$1.19

**Girls' Swell Low Shoes**  
Vici kid, gun metal or tan calf and patent calf; with big eyelets and ribbon laces; sizes to 5. \$1.50

**Boys' and Girls'**  
Stylish Easter Dress Shoes—high or low cuts—made of patent calf, tan calf or golden brown kid; 10 good styles; all sizes. T. H. U. S. \$1.95

### Women's Easter Footwear Reduced Thursday.

**Soft Kid House Slippers.**  
With or without straps; also Patent, tipped Hand-turned Oxford Ties; wide or narrow toes. Thursday. 95c

**Remarkable \$2.50 Values**  
Tan Calf or Golden Brown Ribbon Ties or Ribbon Pumps. Patent Calf, Gun Metal or Fine Kid, 2 to 4 Eyelet Ties and Pumps with buckle or bow. Thursday. \$1.95

**\$4 Grade Pumps.**  
"EDNA MAY" Pumps the New Pumps with diamond-shaped tip and small leather bow in tan calf, black demi-calf or patent calf. Reduced Thursday to. \$3.15

**Stylish \$2 Grade Ties.**  
Patent Tipped, Soft, Durable Blucher Ties with medium or high eyelets and extra good soles. Thursday. \$1.45

**Very Good \$3 Grade**  
Tan Russia Calf or Golden Brown Kid Buckle Pumps or Two and Three Eyelet Ties. Also Patent Calf Ribbon and Blucher Ties, plain or tipped toes. \$2.50

**Best \$5 Low Shoes.**  
Our Queenly "VENUS" Low Shoe, which we're showing in over seven styles—beautiful styles including every novelty in popular demand. All leathers. Have no equals under \$5. \$3.50

**There's No \$3.50 Man's Shoe Like Our "TRI-WEAR."**  
Splendidly up-to-date in style. Workmanship and materials that cannot be bettered. Retaining their shapeliness and perfect comfort until quite worn out—and giving "THRICE AVERAGE" value. If you try one pair you'll ALWAYS WEAR our "TRI-WEAR." Spring High or Low Cuts in best tan, black or shiny leathers; all styles. \$3.50

**Wm. Hahn & Co.'s**  
Three Reliable Shoe Houses,  
Cor. 7th & K Sts. N. W.  
1914-16 Pa. Ave. N. W.  
228 Pa. Ave. S. E.

"It Pays to Deal Where Satisfaction Is Guaranteed."

**MAYER & CO.**  
409-417 SEVENTH ST.

## Dining Room Specials for Tomorrow Only.

Better shop early to be sure of these bargains. There will be a rush for them. The pictures here shown are exact reproductions, and the prices good for Thursday only.



**This Solid Quartered Oak Box Seat Chair,**  
\$1.69

Handsome Solid Quartered Oak Dining Chairs just like this cut. Best box-seat construction, French legs, claw feet, cane seat, and highly polished. Quantity limited to not more than four to a customer at this price.

**This Solid Quartered Oak Dining Table,**  
\$12.98



No Extra Charges for Credit.

### To Attend Annual Conference.

The ministers and delegates from the Colored Methodist Episcopal churches of this city departed this morning to attend the annual conference of the connection, which begins today in Halsey Chapel, Philadelphia, Pa., to be in session a week. Among the ministers were J. W. Smith of Israel Church, L. E. B. Rosser of Miles Memorial Church, C. A. Leftwich of Lane Chapel, Rev. Mr. Carroll of Garfield, D. C. Church, Rev. Mr. Bowie, statistician of the connection, J. T. Long, presiding elder, and James H. Anderson, Bishop.

R. F. Williams of Augusta, Ga., will preside.

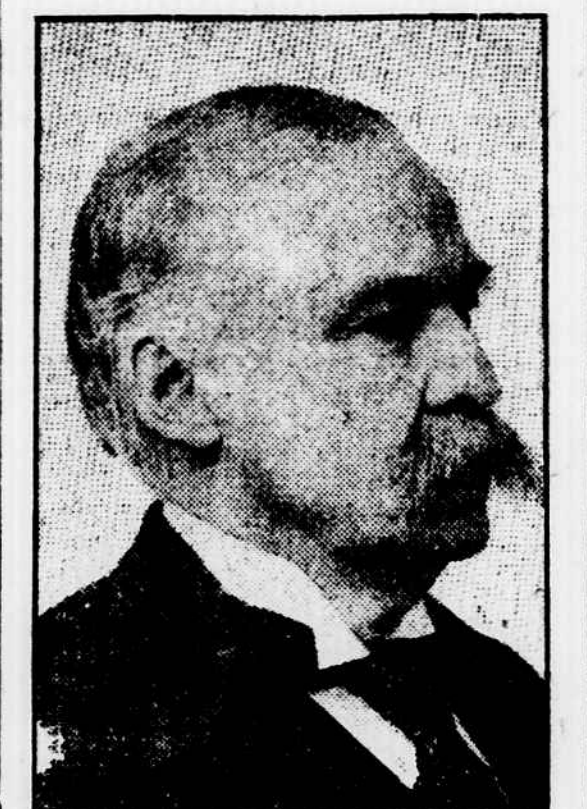
**Remanded to Await Sentence.**  
Benjamin Herbert, aged about fifty years, was convicted yesterday afternoon in Criminal Court No. 2 of mistreating his fourteen-year-old daughter, Mazie Herbert. The father and child both denied the charge on the witness stand. Herbert was remanded to await sentence.

### INSTRUCTED FOR GRAY

DELAWARE DEMOCRATS IGNORE HIS LETTER.

DOVER, Del., April 15.—Despite the written declaration of Judge George Gray that he could not under any circumstances consent to have the delegates instructed for him, the Delaware democratic state convention yesterday officially placed his name before the democracy of the county for that party's nomination for President of the United States.

Judge Gray's declaration, contained in a letter to Thomas F. Bayard, chairman of the state committee, which was read to the delegates, but they did not hesitate to place his name in the field. The mention of his name in the convention and in the various county caucuses that preceded the



Judge Gray.

main gathering of democrats was enthusiastically received. There was no voice raised against the resolution to instruct the delegates to "support, advocate and vote" for Judge Gray's nomination. The platform adopted declares for unfaltering devotion to state rights, criticism of the national administration and declares for a revision of the tariff.

Harmony prevailed in all the caucuses and in the convention. There was no dissent in the Kent county caucus, where the Bryan adherents had a majority, but threatened trouble quickly disappeared when the caucus selected one Bryan and one Gray delegate as that county's representation in the national delegation. In Delaware each of the three counties selects two of the six national delegates, which selection is ratified by the convention. As the delegates are bound by the unit rule, it makes no difference what the individual delegate's preference might be. All are bound to obey the instructions of the convention.

### The Platform.

The following resolutions were submitted and adopted:

We declare our attachment to our dual system of government, consisting of sovereign states, which are the surest bulwark against anti-republican tendencies at home. Indissolubly united in a general government which is the sheet anchor of our safety abroad. The local self-government by which power to manage their own affairs is most efficiently retained in the hands of the people can only be maintained in the future, as it has been in the past, by unfaltering devotion to the rights of the states as reserved to them in the federal Constitution.

The exertion of the just powers of the federal government conferred by the Constitution are amply sufficient to accomplish the ends for which they were intended. Any extension of these powers is only to be brought about by the consent of the states themselves given in the manner prescribed in the Constitution. The suggestion that their extension can be accomplished by strained judicial construction or by executive usurpation, to meet the purposes of those who, for the time being, are in possession of governmental power, merits universal execration and should be rebuked at the polls by the votes of a free people. Constitutions, state and national, were intended to stand the strain and stress of popular excitement, and a strict observance of the constitutional limitations imposed on governmental power is essential to the preservation of our liberties.

The republican President has dictated to the Congress and he has harshly criticized the decisions of the courts; he has sought to enlarge the powers of the general government beyond its constitutional grants and to curtail the constitutional rights of the states to exercise exclusive power over the domestic affairs. We urge the election of a President who will support and defend the Constitution as it has been written and will himself observe and obey its limitations by treating the Congress and the Supreme Court as co-ordinate and not as subordinate departments of the government, and who will recognize the constitutional limitations on executive power to the end that the executive, the legislative and the judicial departments of our government as constitutionally defined may be preserved and not as they have come to us from the past.

### The Present Tariff Law.

The present tariff law enacted by the republican party has increased the cost of the necessities of life to the people; it has burdened many industries in order to subsidize a few, and has promoted the formation of gigantic industrial trusts and fostered the establishment of odious monopolies. We demand the immediate revision of the tariff by the friends of the people.

We favor the enforcement of all laws enacted by the Congress and the prosecution of all violators thereof to the full extent of the law, both civil and criminal, regardless of whether the violator be rich or poor, and to this end we demand especially that the Sherman anti-trust act shall be enforced against all illegal monopolies and not simply against a select few.

Holding these views we present to the democracy of our sister states the name of George Gray as our candidate for the presidential nomination. Without disparagement of other statesmen whose names have been suggested, we believe that George Gray is the democrat in whom the American people can most safely put their trust. His devotion to the cause of the people, his sympathetic union with the great masses of the people, his passionate devotion to justice and right, and his modesty and moderation of character mark him as the man best fitted to lead our government to the better and safer ways which made it glorious in the days of its fathers of the republic. His personality and career illustrate the reform which the evils of our times demand. His rectitude is most pure and beyond the reach of any selfish motives. His judgment is sound, mature and far-seeing, and his patriotism and civic courage have been tested by many years of exalted public service.

In urging his nomination we are not inspired by any ambition on his part, nor animated by mere state pride; but we are impelled by a profound conviction that his nomination will insure a victory for our party at the polls and a great, wise and progressive democratic administration of the general government. We therefore, hereby direct and instruct the delegates this day elected to support, advocate and vote for George Gray for the presidential nomination at the democratic national convention.

### WANTS WILL CONSTRUED.

Mallett Estate. Valued at \$125,000, to Be Settled.

Frank B. Kink, executor of the will of Anna Smith Mallett, who left an estate valued at \$125,000, has applied to the District Supreme Court for the construction of certain provisions of the will. He especially desires the court's ruling on his right to sell the real estate. Attorney Ellen Spencer Mussey represents the executor.

### APPOINTMENT DAY CELEBRATED

COMBINED WITH GRANT CIRCLE ANNIVERSARY.

Address by Members of Local G. A. R. Organization—Flag Drill a Feature.

A pretty picture, formed of a profusion of flowers and flags, was presented last night at Grand Army Hall on the occasion of the joint celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of U. S. Grant Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Appointment day. The walls and windows were concealed by the folds of American flags, while the platform was banked with roses and other blooms of spring. Mrs. Emma Randolph, commander of U. S. Grant Circle, presided, and delivered a most cordial address of welcome.

Before the ceremonies were opened an announcement was made that Department Commander John S. Walker, of the G. A. R., had arrived, accompanied by Senior Vice Department Commander Edwin H. Holbrook, Junior Vice Department Commander Henry A. Johnson and Chief Muster Officer John G. Marshall. The officers were escorted to the platform by a detail of color bearers, while the audience applauded.

After delivering her address of welcome, Mrs. Randolph called upon the chaplain, Mrs. Mary E. Houtaling, for the opening prayer, and then turned the program over to Mrs. Bertranger, chairman of the entertainment committee. A picturesque flag drill and a series of marches were first given by the ladies of the U. S. Flag Association, led by Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins Berry. Mrs. Christine Walton Dunlap and Mrs. Goudie. The evolutions of the company were frequently applauded.

Discusses "Appomattox." The first speaker was Col. John McElroy, past senior vice commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. His topic was "Appomattox," and he said the civil war is forty-three years away, yet it is too near to fully realize its heroic features, its sacrifices and its thrilling incidents. It was the only war on record, he continued, that kept at the front for four years a million young men. "It has a far more exalted interest than any war yet waged," he said. "We are just beginning to appreciate its greatness who participated in that great war can scarcely comprehend its vastness."

Col. McElroy declared that just prior to the surrender at Appomattox Gen. Lee's soldiers "fought like madmen, but were caught in a trap." He spoke of the "awful winter of 1864-5" and the "famous march" of the army, which he described as a "thrilling and picturesque spectacle." He spoke of Gen. Sherman's mistake in making terms of surrender with Gen. Lee, and declared that had those terms stood "we would have been fighting the war over today." In conclusion he said "physical power must necessarily be brutal, but it is terribly conclusive."

### The Flag His Theme.

Col. John S. Walker, commander of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., was the next speaker. He took as his theme "The Flag," and said the tri-color of the American republic is an inspiration and a hope for the peoples of the world. It is ever and always the perfect picture of patriotism, while the Grand Army of the Republic is the grandest organization under God's bright sunlight. Col. Walker complimented the ladies upon their "splendid flag exercises," and said "love of Old Glory means much for the future of the nation." He lauded the western armies, which he explained, had first made Gen. Grant a great man and brought out the "splendid flag" of the republic. "If possible," he urged the American soldiers to make "for a higher civilization and a better manhood and womanhood, taking as their motto the cross of Christ and the flag of the American Union."

A paper by Gen. E. W. Whitaker on "Appomattox and Its Lessons" was read by Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, national historian of the Spanish War Veterans, who prefaced the reading by an address in which he paid tribute to the veteran soldiers and sailors of the civil war. Mrs. Christine Walton Dunlap read a paper on Appomattox. She spoke in praise of all American soldiers, and described the lessons of the surrender of Gen. Lee and those of the war with Spain, and expressed the hope that the day is not far distant when the McLean house at Appomattox, now being purchased by patriotic women, will be turned over to the government, and "stand for future ages as Mount Vernon and the Betsy Ross house will stand, that the children of the future generations may learn the lessons it teaches."

There were musical numbers by Mrs. Berry, director, and Miss Carrie Canfield, accompanist; tenor solo, Charles Howarth; violin solo, Miss Louise May Farron, accompanied by Miss Jane Walker; contralto solo, Miss Faye Humphrey; song, C. A. Woodhead; recitation, Col. E. B. Thompson; tenor solo, Lucius F. Randolph.

### DEMOCRATS HOLD MEETING.

Central Committee of the District Transacts Business. At a meeting of the democratic central committee of the District of Columbia last evening in Eagles' Hall business of a routine nature was disposed of. Chairman J. Fred Kelley presided.

The subcommittee for rules and regulation for the primaries, to be held May 19, and the District democratic convention of May 21, announced that at the next meeting a full report will be submitted. The resignation of Smith Thompson, Jr., as secretary and member from the fourth district, was read and accepted. William McKel, chairman of the subcommittee to fill the vacancy, Frank J. Wisner was elected a member of the committee to replace the fourth district, in place of McKel. McKel was elected secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas L. Connor, which was accepted by the committee.

Resolutions on the death of E. B. Hay, seventh district; D. P. Callahan, twenty-first district, and David B. Evans, eighth district, and members of the committee who have died since the organization of the committee in 1904, were presented by the special committee, consisting of Messrs. Mattingly, Archer, Clayton, Scanlon and Campbell. The resolutions were adopted. After routine business the committee adjourned April 21.

The following members were present: Messrs. Moore, Clayton, Keady, Purcell, Freeman (by proxy); Roache, Scanlon, Kelley, McQuade, Mattingly, Archer and others.

### Paving of Massachusetts Avenue.

An unfavorable report has been made by the Commissioners to Chairman Gallinger of the Senate District committee upon the bill recently introduced by Senator Keane, which provides for the paving of Massachusetts avenue, northwest of F street, at a cost of \$7,500. Although the Commissioners have made an investigation of the condition of the road, they are of the opinion that the macadam surface should be replaced with sheet asphalt, but they think this improvement should be postponed for several years.

**Keech's**  
413-515-517 7th STREET. HAVE IT CHARGED

## Select the Easter Suit Tomorrow!

Thursday's leading offering will be a high-grade and finely tailored lot of Suits in the very stylish striped novelties and black, brown and navy panamas; these suits are in new and beautiful styles; all sizes. Every suit is worth \$25. For tomorrow..... **\$15.00**

Beautiful New Silk Jumper Suits, in black, navy, copenhagen, brown and striped taffeta silk; handsome lace yokes and ruffled-lace sleeves. Have never sold under \$25..... **\$19.98**

The much-wanted White Serge Suits, in all the latest styles; gored, circular and pleated skirts, with wide folds; single and double breasted. These suits are very low priced at \$35. For Thursday, one of the big leaders at..... **\$25.00**

We offer choice of any Women's Suits selling regularly at \$40 for \$29.98; included are fine serges, shadow striped panamas, plain panamas; very stylish and up-to-date suits. All worth \$40. At..... **\$29.98**

For tomorrow, choice from all the finest Suits sold as high as \$60 for \$39.50; there's the widest range of styles and fabrics, embracing butterfly effects, cutaway, "Merry Widow" Suits and other styles; black and all the leading shades. Worth up to \$60.... **\$39.50**



## The Ready-Trimmed Hats.

We have scores of Beautiful Ready-trimmed Hats, in many of the season's handsomest styles, all extremely desirable and superb examples of the Spring Millinery. Our workrooms are at your service for the making of the hat, if you so prefer. The Ready-trimmed Hats range in price from \$5 to \$40.

## Silks, Wash Fabrics and Domestics.

Fine Yard-wide Jap Silks (three-quarters silk, one-quarter cotton); in champagne, copenhagen, light blue, pink, national, gray, golden, pearl gray, tan, castor, leather brown, cream, corn and Nile. Also 34-inch Pongees. All worth 69c. Special at..... **49c**

THE VERY POPULAR ROUGH-FINISH ALL-SILK Pongees, in copenhagen blue, new brown, pink, light blue, cream, navy, white, black, champagne, medium and dark green. 27 inches wide. Has never sold under \$1.49. For tomorrow a big bargain at..... **69c**

THE ALWAYS-WANTED BLACK GUARANTEED Taffeta Silk warranted all silk—full yard wide. Has never sold under \$1.49. Special price tomorrow only..... **89c**

MERCERIZED WASH PANAMAS, THE NOVELTY of the season; in pink, light blue, heliotrope, copenhagen, red, natural, pearl gray, tan and green. value is 39c. Special at..... **19c**

THE NEW SILK FOULARDS, WARRANTED ALL silk; brown and blue grounds, with neat dots and figures; 22 inches wide; sold at 36c usually..... **49c**

A SPECIAL OFFERING OF ALL-SILK BLACK Pearl de Soie, very rich and lustrous finish; 20 inches wide; best black. The selling price usually is \$1 yard..... **69c**

GENUINE RED SEAL DRESS GINGHAM, ALL THE most popular stripes, checks and plaids; 12½"..... **107½c**

PILLOW CASES, MADE OF EXTRA quality muslin; regular size; sold usually at 12½"..... **87½c**

### 79c Bed Sheets, 59c.

Famous "Venus" Bleached Seamless Sheets; size 81x90; extra quality cotton; no dressing. Sold at 79c usually. Not over 4 to a buyer..... **59c**

### 75c Flouncings at 39c.

27-inch-wide Fine Swiss Embroidered Flouncing; selling everywhere at 69c and 75c yard; new patterns. A great bargain at..... **39c**



## Easter Lilies, 16c Per Bloom.

We have secured a limited number of potted Lilies of exquisite beauty; strong and hardy plants; containing blooms and buds; we shall sell these plants tomorrow at, per bloom or bud..... **16c**

## Easter Groceries.

### Hot Cross Buns.

For Good Friday we will have on sale Friday morning Hot Cross Buns; all you wish at, per dozen **10c**

Salmon Steak; flat cans.....	13c
Sardines; domestic.....	34c
Kipper Herring; imported.....	15c
Pillsbury's Flour; ½ bbl.....	82c
Babbitt's Soap; 7 for.....	25c
Best Starch; 25c pkgs.....	5c
Mustard Sardines.....	7½c
Paas' Egg Dyes; 5c paper.....	2½c
Small, Lean Hams.....	12½c
Rice, 2½ lbs.....	21c

### THEORIES AND PURE MILK

PRACTICAL MEN IGNORED, SAYS TRUNDLE.

Dealer Protests Against Report of Commission of Thirty-Five.

A. S. Trundle, the local milk dealer, whose vigorous remarks of protest against the existing order of things as affecting the milk producer, at the meeting of his society, at 12th street and Pennsylvania avenue, yesterday, have excited interest, said to a Star reporter today: "I do not wish to be misunderstood in this matter. I made no such sweeping charge against the National Tuberculosis Society and scientists generally as the report of my remarks would seem to indicate. But I do wish to enter a vigorous protest against the regulation of our business by men who are not practical in any sense, so far as it is concerned, but who would modify their opinions from time to time by their experiments, which, upon analysis, will be found to confute the very theories which they seek to advance."

"The District Commissioners, some time ago appointed a commission of thirty-five to inquire into conditions and suggest such changes with reference to the laws regulating the production and sale of milk as might seem to be justified. These reports were to be used for the general information of the country, and to help in the regulation of the milk business everywhere. On this commission were properly appointed two milk dealers and two milk producers, to represent the practical side of the business."

### Theorists Predominate.

"Yet, when the Department of Agriculture compiled its voluminous pamphlet showing the result of the work of this commission, not a single word of what had been gathered and reported by the practical men, the representatives of the milk producers and dealers, was published. Only the scientific side of the

story was given, and already we are hearing from outside in the country of action which is being based entirely upon that phase, and who entirely ignores the findings of the practical men on the commission. The District health office, certain divisions of the Department of Agriculture and the marine hospital, it seems, were consulted in the compilation of the pamphlet.

"Weight is given to the opinions of men in the regulation of the milk business who themselves tolerate, in their own spheres, where human life and health are affected, infinitely worse conditions than they compel of in the milk producer. Not only that," he continued, "but look at this as an instance of the way they prove things. For tests made on the element introduced to affect the pure milk was the element of temperature. The part incubated at 42 degrees Fahrenheit, after twenty-four hours, showed a reduction in bacteria count to 5,000 bacteria to the cubic centimeter, the number of bacteria shown in the pure milk, to 2,400; the part incubated at a temperature of 50 degrees showed a rise to 7,000 in the same time; the part incubated at 65 degrees rose to 280,000, while the part incubated at 85 degrees, a temperature slightly lower than the intestinal temperature, rose to the enormous sum of twelve and a half billions of bacteria per cubic centimeter."

### Protests Against Report.

"Now, the existence of excessive numbers of bacteria in milk, they claim, is due to insanitary conditions in handling the milk. If, they say, the milk producer and dealer properly handle the milk, the excessive number of bacteria is not found. Yet their own experiments conclusively show that the simple element of warmth will increase the bacterial count from 5,000 in pure milk to twelve and a half billions in twenty-four hours, while a little cooler temperature will reduce it to 5,000 to 2,400; and yet it is upon experiments and theories of men of this stamp that our business is attempted to be regulated. This is what I wish to protest, and I wish, against the acceptance of the report of that commission of thirty-five

### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

#### Spring at the Capital.

BY JOHN BURROUGHS. Has been Reprinted from Wake-Robin by the author. It is an attractive booklet, particularly suitable for an Easter gift. Price, 10 cts.; \$1.00 a doz.

For sale at WOODWARD & LOTHROP'S, MISS HELEN P. CHILDS, Secretary, Cherry Chase, Md.

and its publication broadcast, when the findings of the only practical men on the commission were absolutely ignored and the newspapers, but upon a close, careful and intelligent study of the entire question covering five long years; and I know what I am talking about."

### Meeting of King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters of the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Protestant Church met last evening at the residence of Mrs. J. D. Steele, 1720 North Capitol street. Business was transacted, the scope of the society's work extended and names of new members added to the roll. Refreshments were served.

Those present were Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Coe, Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Chaucey, Mrs. Maddux, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Rumei, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Lear, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Boteler and cousin, Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Schuckers, Mrs. Humphries, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. May, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Adelman, Mrs. Meechum, Mrs. Chaucey, Miss Maddux, Miss Meeks, Miss Schuckers and Miss Steele.

### Mrs. Owens Thanks Firemen.

William T. Belt, chief of the fire department, forwarded to the Commissioners today a letter from Mrs. C. Emily D. Owens of 1830 L street, northwest, in which she commended the fire department for its bravery and efficiency, which was displayed at a fire in her apartment Monday night.